Power projects in Uttaranchal

1600. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) how many power projects have been sanctioned for Uttaranchal;

(b) how much funds have been proposed for the same and the details of funds spent on each power project;

(c) what is the present status of these projects; and

(d) how many people of Uttaranchal State have been employed by these projects?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) to (c) During the X Plan so far, Central Sector Hydro Project of Dhauliganga Hydro Electric Project (280 MW) with cumulative expenditure of Rs. 1680 crores has been commissioned. In addition, following Central Sector power projects are under implementation:—

Sl. No	Name of Project/Executing Agency/Installed Capacity (MW)	Latest/App d. Cost (Level) (Rs. Crs.)	Cumulative Present status of scheme Expenditure (Rs. Crs.)	
A.	Generation-Central Sector			
1.	Tehri St. H.E. Project, Tehri Hydro Development Corpn. (THDC) 4x250=1000 MW	6621.32 (Mar. 03 PL)	7288.99 (upto Oct. 2005)	Impounding of water in Tehri reservoir started on 20.10.2005 The project is likely to commission by March, 2006
2.	Koteswar H.E. Project, THDC 4x100=400 MW	; 1301.56 (Oct.,99PL)	301.25 etc. (upto ex-Oct.,2005)	Power House, Dam is in progress and pected to be
B.	Transmission-General Sector			
3.	Tehri Transmission Power Grid Corporation India Ltd., (PGCIL)	913.84 (including works in other States)	818.97	The works are in advanced stage progress and are likely to be completed by March, 2006.

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4.	Dhauliganga Trans. System (PGCIL)	182.13	161.42	Works completed & transmission line commissioned in July, 2005.
5.	Koteshwar Trans. System (PGCIL)	260.30	0.29	Active work is yet to com-mence. The line is scheduled for commissioning by March, 2008.
6.	System Strengthening Scheme in Uttaranchal	76.42	5.71	The scheme is under implementation and likely to be completed by 2006-07.

(d) In the Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) projects, about 1590 local people have been employed by the project authorities.

Shortage of coal in thermal power plants

1601. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are grave shortage of coal and many thermal power plants are facing acute shortage of coal in the country since last three months;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto; and

(c) the details of measures taken or proposed to be taken for providing required coal to the power plants?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) There was no grave shortage of coal during the last three months and no generation loss has been reported by any thermal power station in the country due to shortage of coal.

(c) Following steps have been taken by the Government for augmenting supply of coal to the power plants in the country:

- The coal supply position of thermal power stations is vigorously monitored in the Central Electricity Authority and Ministry of Power on daily basis.